

## **ABSTRACT**

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A printing device for performing recording on a recording medium, the printing device comprising a carriage slidably mounted on the printing device in a lateral direction to scan the recording medium, and movable in a vertical direction to a plurality of predetermined distances above the recording medium during printing, a print head mounted on the carriage, the print head having a discharge surface with a discharge nozzle located therein, the discharge nozzle for ejecting ink on the recording medium, and a recovery mechanism for performing recovery of the print head when the carriage is positioned above the recovery mechanism, the recovery mechanism including a carriage lever to engage the carriage and move the carriage in the vertical direction to a predetermined position above the recovery mechanism.

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